

predates the effective prior art date of the '565 patent. Accordingly, the '565 patent does not qualify as prior art under any section of 35 U.S.C. §102.

Accordingly, the §102(e) rejection must be withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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